IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A system for <u>assigning reward points</u> ~~use in a network~~, comprising:

    a user console <u>coupled to a network, wherein the user console is configured to transmit a set identification over the network;</u>

    a disc storage medium including a permanently recorded disc identification <u>unique to and identifying the disc storage medium,</u> the disc storage medium being readable by the user console, wherein the user console is <u>further configured</u> ~~operable~~ to transmit the disc identification over the network; and

    a host server <u>coupled to</u> [[in]] the network, <u>wherein</u> the host server <u>is</u> ~~being~~ configured to<u>:</u>

    <u>receive the disc identification;</u>

    <u>receive the set identification;</u> and

    ~~configured to~~ assign points to a point account associated with the disc identification<u>, wherein the points assigned to the point account are a reward for the disc storage medium having been shared with other users.</u>

2. (currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the ~~user console includes a~~ set identification ~~that~~ uniquely identifies the user console.

3. (currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the ~~user console includes a user~~ <u>set</u> identification [[that]] <u>uniquely</u> identifies a user of the user console.

4. (currently amended) The system of claim 3, further comprising a user database accessible by the host server, the user database including a user table, the user table comprising:

> ~~associated with the~~ user identification information; and [[,]]
>
> a point account, wherein ~~the user table including the point account,~~ the point
>> account is ~~being further~~ associated with the user identification.

5. (currently amended) The system of claim 2, further comprising a user database accessible by the host server, the user database including a user table, the user table comprising:

> ~~associated with the~~ set identification information; and [[,]]
>
> a point account, wherein ~~the user table including the point account,~~ the point
>> account is ~~being further~~ associated with the set identification.

6. (currently amended) The system of claim 4, wherein the user console transmits the disc identification and the set [[user]] identification that identifies the user of the user console to the host server for authorization to execute software residing on the disc storage medium.

7. (currently amended) The system of claim 5, wherein the user console transmits the disc identification and the set identification that identifies the user console reading the disc storage medium to the host server for authorization to execute software residing on the disc storage medium.

8. (currently amended) The system of claim 6, wherein the host server is further configured to:

      compare ~~compares~~ the received disc identification with ~~to a plurality of~~ disc identification information ~~identifications~~ stored in the user table and associated with the user identification information; [[,]] and

      compare ~~compares~~ the received disc identification with ~~a plurality of~~ disc identification information ~~identifications~~ stored in other user tables and associated with other user identifications.

9. (currently amended) The system of claim 8, wherein if the received disc identification matches any [[one]] of the ~~plurality of~~ disc identification information ~~identifications~~ stored in the user table and associated with the user identification, the host server:

      transmits to the user console an access permission signal that authorizes execution of software stored on the disc storage medium; [[,]]

      assigns points to the point account [[of]] in the user table and associated with the disc identification and the user identification; [[,]] and

      transmits point information including total reward point information to the user console.

10. (currently amended) The system of claim 8, wherein if the <u>received</u> disc identification matches <u>any</u> [[one]] of the ~~plurality of~~ disc <u>identification information</u> ~~identifications~~ stored in the other user tables <u>and</u> associated with other user identifications, and if the matched other user table indicates owner consent, the host server<u>:</u>

> transmits to the user console an access permission signal that authorizes execution of software stored on the disc storage medium<u>;</u> [[,]]
>
> assigns points to <u>a</u> [[the]] point account <u>in</u> [[of]] the other user table <u>and</u> associated with the disc identification and the other user identification<u>;</u> [[,]] and
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> transmits point information <u>including total reward point information</u> to the user console.

11. (currently amended) The system of claim 10, wherein the host server <u>further</u> assigns points to [[a]] <u>the</u> point account <u>in</u> [[of]] the user table associated with the user identification.

12. (currently amended) The system of claim 8, wherein if the <u>received</u> disc identification matches <u>any</u> [[one]] of the ~~plurality of~~ disc <u>identification information</u> ~~identifications~~ stored in the other user tables <u>and</u> associated with other user identifications, and if the matched other user table does not indicate owner consent, the host server transmits an access refusal signal to the user console whereby the user console cannot execute software residing on the disc storage medium.

13. (currently amended) The system of claim 8, wherein if the <u>received</u> disc identification does not match any <u>of the</u> disc <u>identification information</u> ~~identifications~~ stored in any user table, the host server<u>:</u>

> transmits to the user console an access permission signal to execute software residing on the disc storage medium<u>;</u> [[,]]
>
> assigns points to the point account [[of]] <u>in the</u> user table associated with the <u>set</u> <u>identification that uniquely identifies the user of the user console;</u> ~~user~~ ~~identification,~~ and
>
> transmits point information <u>including total reward point information</u> to the user console.

14. (currently amended) The system of claim 13, wherein the host server records the <u>received</u> disc identification to the user table associated with the [[user]] <u>set</u> identification <u>that uniquely identifies the user or the user console</u>.

15. (currently amended) The system of claim 8, further comprising a disc database accessible by the host server, the disc database including a disc table<u>, the disc table</u> <u>comprising:</u>

> ~~that includes~~ owner consent data<u>, the owner consent data including access</u> <u>permission data for other users;</u> and
>
> a sub-account associated with the disc identification, the sub-account including point data associated with the disc identification ~~and the owner consent~~ ~~data including access permission data for other users~~.

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16. (currently amended) The system of claim 15, wherein if the <u>received</u> disc identification matches [[one]] <u>any</u> of the ~~plurality of disc identifications~~ <u>disc identification information</u> stored in the user table associated with the user identification, the host server<u>:</u>

> transmits to the user console an access permission signal that authorizes execution of software stored on the disc storage medium<u>;</u> [[,]]
>
> assigns points to the sub-account [[of]] <u>in the</u> disc table <u>and</u> associated with the disc identification<u>;</u> [[,]] and
>
> transmits point information <u>including total reward point information</u> to the user console.

17. (currently amended) The system of claim 15, wherein if the <u>received</u> disc identification matches [[one]] <u>any</u> of the ~~plurality of disc identifications~~ <u>disc identification information</u> stored in the other user tables associated with other user identifications, and if the matched other user table indicates owner consent, the host server<u>:</u>

> transmits to the user console an access permission signal that authorizes execution of software stored on the disc storage medium<u>;</u> [[,]]
>
> assigns points to the sub-account [[of]] <u>in</u> the disc table <u>and</u> associated with the disc identification<u>;</u> [[,]] and
>
> transmits point information <u>including total reward point information</u> to the user console.

18. (currently amended) The system of claim 17, wherein the host server <u>further</u> assigns points to [[a]] <u>the</u> point account <u>in</u> [[of]] the user table associated with the user identification.

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19. (currently amended) The system of claim 15, wherein if the <u>received</u> disc identification matches [[one]] <u>any</u> of the <s>plurality of disc identifications</s> <u>disc identification information</u> stored in the other user tables associated with other user identifications, and if the matched other user table does not indicate owner consent, the host server transmits an access refusal signal to the user console whereby the user console cannot execute software residing on the disc storage medium.

20. (currently amended) The system of claim 15, wherein if the <u>received</u> disc identification does not match any <s>disc identifications</s> <u>disc identification information</u> stored in any user table, the host server<u>:</u>

  transmits to the user console an access permission signal to execute software residing on the disc storage medium<u>;</u> and

  transmits point information <u>including total reward point information</u> to the user console.

21. (currently amended) The system of claim 20, wherein the host server records the <u>received</u> disc identification to the disc table.

22. (currently amended) The system of claim 21, wherein the host server assigns points to the sub-account [[of]] <u>in</u> the disc table <u>and</u> associated with the <u>received</u> disc identification.

23. (original) The system of claim 8, further comprising a plurality of publisher servers accessible by the host server, the publisher servers being configured to manage a plurality of publisher databases, wherein each of the publisher databases includes sub-accounts managed by one of the publisher servers.

24. (currently amended) The system of claim 23, wherein if the <u>received</u> disc identification matches [[one]] <u>any</u> of the <u>disc identification information</u> ~~plurality of disc identifications~~ stored in the user table <u>and</u> associated with the user identification, the host server<u>:</u>

> transmits to the user console an access permission signal that authorizes
>> execution of software stored on the disc storage medium<u>;</u> and
> transmits point information <u>including total reward point information</u> to the user
>> console, and

the publisher server of the publisher database associated with the <u>received</u> disc identification assigns points to the sub-account of the publisher database associated with the <u>received</u> disc identification.

25. (currently amended) The system of claim 23, wherein if the <u>received</u> disc identification matches [[one]] <u>any</u> of the <u>disc identification information</u> ~~plurality of disc identifications~~ stored in the other user tables <u>and</u> associated with other user identifications, and if the matched other user table indicates owner consent, the host server<u>:</u>

> transmits to the user console an access permission signal that authorizes
>> execution of software stored on the disc storage medium<u>;</u> and
> transmits point information to the user console <u>indicating that points have been</u>
>> <u>rewarded,</u> and

the publisher server of the publisher database associated with the <u>received</u> disc identification assigns points to the sub-account of the publisher database associated with the <u>received</u> disc identification.

26. (currently amended) The system of claim 25, wherein the host server assigns points to a point account [[of]] <u>in</u> the user table <u>and</u> associated with the user identification.

27. (currently amended) The system of claim 23, wherein if the <u>received</u> disc identification matches [[one]] <u>any</u> of the <u>disc identification information</u> ~~plurality of disc identifications~~ stored in the other user tables <u>and</u> associated with other user identifications, and if the matched other user table does not indicate owner consent, the host server transmits an access refusal signal to the user console whereby the user console cannot execute software residing on the disc storage medium.

28. (currently amended) The system of claim 23, wherein if the <u>received</u> disc identification does not match any <u>of the</u> disc <u>identification information</u> ~~identifications~~ stored in any user table, the host server<u>:</u>

      transmits to the user console an access permission signal to execute software residing on the disc storage medium<u>;</u> and

      transmits point information <u>including total reward point information</u> to the user console.

29. (currently amended) The system of claim 28, wherein the publisher server of the publisher database associated with the disc storage medium identified by the <u>received</u> disc identification records the <u>received</u> disc identification to the publisher database associated with the disc storage medium identified by the <u>received</u> disc identification.

30. (currently amended) The system of claim 29, wherein the publisher server of the publisher database associated with the <u>received</u> disc identification assigns points to the sub-account of the publisher database associated with the <u>received</u> disc identification.